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Ronald A. Weimer et al.

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Art Unit: 2823

For: USE OF ATOMIC OXYGEN PROCESS
FOR IMPROVED BARRIER LAYER

Examiner: F. L. Toledo

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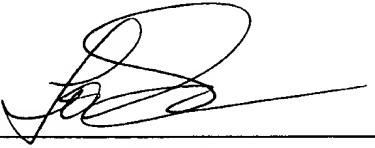
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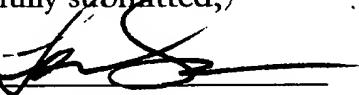
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